

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace the listing of claims, as filed, in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (original): A method of making a helmet comprising the steps of cutting a plurality of substantially rectangular blanks from a sheet of fabric, making cuts in each blank to form a crown portion and lobe portions therefrom, arranging a stack of said sheets into a helmet preform such that the lobe portions of any blank partially overlap adjacent lobe portions of the same blank, and molding the helmet from the preform.

Claim 2 (original): A method according to claim 1, wherein the sheet of fabric has previously been impregnated with resin.

Claim 3 (original): A method according to claim 2, wherein the resin is phenolic resin.

Claims 4-16 (canceled).

Claim 17 (original): A helmet formed from a stack of fibrous blanks impregnated with resin, each blank comprising a trimmed rectangle and each blank having four curved cuts extending inwardly, one from each side of the rectangle.